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Dear Hal,

I certainly appreciated your great letter of last month, and although most of the matters are still unfinished, I thought I should go ahead now and give you a preliminary progress report.

First, I am assembling copies of all of Ed Butler's propaganda, which, believe me, is considerable. Butler wrote a book entitled Oswald Speaks which was never published but was serialized under the title "The Great Assassin Puzzle" in his own magazine, The Square which is financed by wealthy rightists such as Patrick Frawley, etc. I have ordered a copy and will pass it along, and other material later. I'll send now what I've thusfar had time to gather.

I was aware that two people helped Oswald at the International Trade Mart, but I did not realize that one had been identified and the other made non-existent. I may be wrong, but I seem to recall shortly after the news of the probe broke and I was living with family at the time, that WDSU had newsreels of Oswald with (I thought two people. I have already checked with WDSU-tv on another matter re the assassination and they were uncooperative. However, Butler's organization puts out a documentary (propaganda, you know) film on Oswald, which "shows rare pre-crime footage of Oswald's...actions up to the assassination" hence, maybe, the demonstration? It's worth a try, don't you think?

I have made friends with some of the Student Government Association officers here, and have discussed the subject with them. Whether they agree or not (the entire council has to vote on it at their next meeting, which is in a couple of weeks), I'll just go ahead and order the film, and if it shows two people helping Oswald, I'll have that sequence copied, and be glad to loan same to you. What I'm especially hopeful they'll do is to invite Bringuier up here as a guest lecturer and, if so, I'll ask him all of the questions you mentioned. Of course I will, as you suggest, indicate sympathy, and treat "Dr." Bringuier with extreme deference and courtesy, and perhaps we can catch him unawares. I know you're going to suggest I tape record everything. Don't worry. I will.

With the exception of a few very close, trusted friends (not including Ronny Caire), I have kept all of your letters to me in the strictest of confidence, as you mention, to avoid any possible legal repercussions. Perhaps we will have an opportunity to discuss this later.

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My recollection had been that Garrison had already obtained the name of the third individual from Eladio delValle, and reviewing my extensive files I refresh my memory. If you have time, (and I assume you have all of the following sources cited; if not, let me know and I'll make copies and send you) please check these:

- (1) September 1967 PLAYBOY (Garrison interview), pp. 161, 176.
- (2) Lewis&Schiller, Scavengers&Critics (Dell pap.), p.201
- (3) November 1968 SAGA, p.90 (by Penn Jones).

Also, I located in Buchanan's book Who Killed Kennedy? (page 128 in the paperback), the fact that in June 1964, Bringuier said in a speech on the Hargis circuit that when he and Oswald were "arrested and brought to the police station, there were two members of the F.B.I. there. Bringuier said these agents asked Oswald to identify pro-Castro sympathizers in New Orleans, and Bringuier declared Oswald replied, 'I'll tell you, but not in front of Bringuier.' The anti-Castro Cuban said that he was then requested to withdraw, and did so."

Finally, I am enclosing copy of a letter in my box this morning from my Congressman in the 5th district of Miss., Bill Colmer. I had thanked him for arranging for me the purchase of the 26 volumes from the G.P.O. and told him that in view of Garrison's charge that Oswald was an informant for the F.B.I. the Justice Department which would be the normal processor of complaints, was there an appropriate committee of Congress to which we could appeal? The enclosed is his cordial reply. In a few days, I shall show the original to my attorney (whom I need to consult routinely soon), Roger Mills, of the firm of Anderson, Banks, Nichols and Leventhal; Jackson, Miss. (Roger was in the news recently when he became the first white man in the state of Miss. to get a marriage license with a black wife. Anderson was famous in the recent Jackson State hearings, representing the students, and Leventhal is counsel in a suit against the State Board of Ed. for allowing state textbook to be used in private systems to avoid integration with blacks. Roger has been a very good friend for some time.) I intend to see if he has any new ideas about how we can legally pry this case back open.

I am also enclosing pamphlet recently received (last summer) from attorney Godfrey Isaac. I have written him a lengthy letter, and requested information regarding the "March on Washington". (Nov. 22 is on a Sunday this year)?? Anyhow, will let you know, and maybe we could meet in Washington some time.

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As soon as any of this breaks, I'll promptly inform you of developments. In the meantime, let's do keep in touch, and let me know if you think of anything else we could ask Bringuier. I might write Penn Jones. Haven't heard from him in quite a while; might let him in on all this, if that's okay with you. Incidentally, a relative from Texas told me they saw in the N.O. paper that Alcock said at a hearing that Garrison had been in the hospital since July (which explains why nobody's heard from him lately or seen him in the quarter), although I think he's out now.

Hope you are doing well; keep in touch. Best wishes--

Your friend,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jim Brown', written in a cursive style.

Enclosures.